



# SETTING THE STAGE

Why are we here?



**NATIONAL COASTAL NONPOINT MEETING  
LANSDOWNE CONFERENCE CENTER  
APRIL 22-25, 2002**





# Conference Goals

- ✓ Build and strengthen the **NETWORK**
- ✓ Resolve outstanding issues
  - *Help **FINISH THE JOB** (really!)*
  - *Further define and support **IMPLEMENTATION***
  - *Focus on **ACTIONS** and creative **SOLUTIONS***
- ✓ Focus on priorities **YOU** identified
  - *OSDS, Marinas and CWA/6217 Integration*
- ✓ Disseminate **TOOLS** and **INFORMATION**



# Approach

## ✓ Plenaries (everyone)

- *Forums for full group discussions and presentations*
- *Focused on program policy, issues, and updates*
- *Participate **ACTIVELY** - share your ideas and experiences*

## ✓ Topical Working Sessions (smaller groups)

- *Facilitated interactive working sessions with appropriate subject matter experts as panelists*
- *Possible approaches to resolving outstanding issues*
- *Utilize the experience of fully approved states*

***BE CREATIVE, HELP EACH OTHER, GET INVOLVED!***



# Approach

- ✓ **One on One Meetings/Policy Consultation**
  - *“Face time” with NOAA program specialists, EPA technical staff and regional coordinators to resolve issues*
- ✓ **State/Territory Roundtables**
  - *Network with counterparts from other state or territory programs*



# Significant Challenges

- ✓ Providing adequate federal agency support and accountability to state programs
- ✓ Matching expectations with funding
- ✓ Coordination among programs
- ✓ The Expiration of conditional approvals



# Our Commitment

## 2002 “New Year’s Resolutions”



- *Enhance Communication*
  - State to state, utilize technology
- *Improve Program Administration*
  - Goal of 10 FY02 approvals, Clarify policies
- *Host This Meeting!*

- *Expand Management/Technical Assistance*
  - Conference calls, SWAT Teams, Related conferences
- *Focus the Program*
  - OSDs, Marinas, Capacity Building

# Your Commitment?

- *Top three issues you want resolved before you leave?*



- *Two new contacts you'll DEFINITELY call when you get home?*
- *A great new idea you learned about from talking to other states?*
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# Where are we going?

